

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the Abstract on page 26, lines 1-11, with the following:

A comparator compares the voltage of a shunt resistor, detected by a current detection terminal, with a reference voltage and supplies a current abnormality signal to a fault circuit when the voltage of the shunt resistor is in excess of the reference voltage. A stop signal is then supplied to a power device driving circuit and an input circuit. In response to the received stop signal, the power device driving circuit and another power device driving circuit stop operation of transistors respectively. The fault circuit, which is capable of outputting the stop signal through a fault terminal, is also able to receive a stop signal output from another control circuit and supply the stop signal to the power device driving circuit and the input circuit. Thus, the circuitry of an inverter module having a protective function is simplified, and the module is able to be miniaturized.